

Bowls Hampshire Newsletter Autumn / Winter 2021



Forward - Peter Little

Welcome to this third newsletter under my watch. As Bowls Hampshire recovers from a period that has seen the country go from a complete lockdown to a return of a form of normality due to the great work of scientists and the co operation of you the public we should be able to look forward to a year of continuous bowling where surfaces or surroundings allow.

There is a lot of content below to absorb but due to individual circumstances and the importance of certain meetings held recently it was best not to issue this until now.

Thank you for your patience.

AGM Update - Richard Shelley

I am pleased to announce that at the recent BH AGM Neil Roderick and Cynthia Hamilton were duly elected as the respective Gents and Ladies President for the forthcoming season, in addition Allan Leppard and Kim Harris were elected as respective Vice Presidents

Following the retirement of Cynthia Abraham, Rosemary Corney and Brian Jones. Lesley Taylor was elected to the role of Assistant Secretary, Wendy Brown as Ladies Match Secretary and Michael Squires as the Men's Western Area Secretary.

In addition, all other officers agreed and were duly elected for another year, with these individuals the association would not function for the benefit of all bowlers so please do give them your support

BH Fees/Payment arrangements for 2022 –

Carl Taylor

This year Bowls England changed the dates for the payment of their competition and affiliation fees but the new method worked well and will be repeated in 2022

Entries for the National Championships (Singles, Pairs etc that lead to Leamington), together with County Competitions, should now start to be made by players and Clubs will be asked to forward them to your Area Secretary by the end of January. Payment will not be needed at that time

The declaration of your membership will then be required by 1st May at which time payment for those, plus the competition fees, will be due. Details of how to pay will be sent by each Area Secretary

All fees will remain the same as this year

BH Luncheon – Hazel Marke

The County luncheon recently took place at Fleming Park and for the first time in a number of years there was a full house. Our usual caterer Paul Gillingham (Country Catering) provided a wonderful meal and received many compliments.

We were delighted that Hampshire's Paul Robson, who is currently Bowls England President, was able to join us with his fiancé Lesley Summerhill and gave an informative speech about his year.

A special presentation was made by Mandy Orchard BH Ladies President to Cynthia Abraham, retiring Assistant Secretary for her outstanding work on behalf of the County over more than 20 years.

The culmination of the luncheon was the presentation to the winners and runners up of the County Competitions. (These are listed on the BH website)

Development – Peter Little

I have had a few enquiries from clubs regarding coaching, in terms of, they want to be able to coach newcomers and don't know where to start. On this subject there were a couple of these who wanted to know if there are any courses which do not have a monetary cost involved.

First port of call for all clubs or individuals who are interested in coaching is to contact the Hampshire Bowls Coaching Association whose details are available on the BH website.

Personally, I would suggest you contact the above to get an idea of what is involved as there are many areas such as Disability Bowls Coaching, Child and Adult Protection, and finally Health and Safety that all have to be factored in. Please do not let these factors put you off as I can say from experience that getting your "badges" is well worth it.

BH Yearbook - Michael Andrews

Bowls Hampshire has stopped printing yearbooks. Demand had decreased, a lot of the information was duplicated on the website and some of the information went out-of-date quickly. This season we issued an electronic directory emailed to each clubs' contact with a couple of updates during the year and emailed a photo book of the competition winners.

We are continuing this system next season with one change. The club delegates' details will be added to each clubs' entry.

Club Secretaries should have received the 2022 questionnaire by now. If possible, please return completed forms by the end of January. If during the season there are any changes at the club, please let the Yearbook Secretary know (bhyearb@gmail.com) so the changes can be incorporated in an update.

Summary of BE Counties Meeting - Hazel Marke

Having recently returned from the Counties meeting the following are the main topics: -

The majority of attendees in favour of redefining Championships and Competitions with championships held at RLS and competitions at venues around the Country. If this was implemented it would give opportunity to go back to more qualifiers.

Most were also in favour of an open draw.

Almost unanimous support for the restoration of the Badge Presentation at RLS.

Middleton Cup/Johns Trophy whether knockout of league discussed as no consensus. BH's proposition will go to the AGM to be voted on.

More live streaming at championships next summer.

The Big Bowls weekend will run again in 2022.

BE also looking at a Pay & Play Platform, seems a good concept but practicalities of implementation will require greater study.

BE also looking at new games format for new bowlers lasting approximately an hour.

This February will see the 1st BE Awards dinner to be held in Leicester recognising County, club, team, player, greenkeeper, coach, official of the year. Also, there will be an award for story of the year and Unsung Hero.

The BH executive have put forward a proposition for the reinstatement of the National Championship winners award dinner, this will be voted on at the AGM.



The Executive of Bowls Hampshire wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy Healthy New Year

